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Dear Interested Parties,

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks has proposed to participate in a cooperative project to build an interpretive trail at Brewery Flats Fishing Access Site in Lewistown, Montana. An Environmental Assessment was released on March 13,1998 and distributed to interested publics and local newspapers.

Three written comments were received. One was a general letter of support pledging the continued support of the local Boy Scout Troop and the Society of American Foresters. The second was a letter of concurrence from the State Historic Preservation Office. The third was a letter from The Department of Environmental Quality alerting the Department that a storm water general permit may be required for the project depending on the amount of land actually disturbed. We will submit the final construction plans to the DEQ to determine if such a permit will be needed. One verbal comment was received from a Fergus County Commissioner clarifying that the widening of the adjacent county road and addition of a bicycle lane is speculative at this time.

We have decided to proceed with this project as evaluated in the Environmental Assessment and modified as appropriate after considering public comments. I invite you to monitor the construction as it occurs and let us know how you like the end results. We hope that this will be a model for community stewardship and partnership with the Fishing Access Site program.

Please direct all questions and comments to Doug Habermann, POB 6610, Great Falls MT 59601 (406)454-5840.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely

Mike Aderhold

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